

# The Alexandria Gazette

THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 16

## NEWS BY TO-DAY'S MAIL.

Mr. Charles Cook, formerly the ticket agent at the Baltimore Depot; Chas. Williams, the ticket agent at the Sanitary rooms; and James Thompson, agent at the depot, have been arrested in Washington and committed to the Old Capitol, on a charge of defrauding the Government of about \$30,000 worth of transportation tickets.

The bids for furnishing the U. S. government with flour, were opened in Washington yesterday. The highest bid was \$12.29 per bushel, and the lowest \$11.25. The contracts for corn meal were taken at \$7.35 to \$7.50 per barrel.

President Lincoln's health has improved, but he is still unwell.

Secretary Stanton has gone to City Point.

Sue Munday, a famous guerrilla, recently captured in Kentucky, was to have been hanged yesterday.

A sharp newspaper correspondent has brought the auction block from which they used to sell slaves in Charleston, to Boston, and is making money by lecturing from it to the Bostonians.

It is remarked that the prices of many articles of consumption "went up" when gold "went up"—and these same articles do not "come down" now that gold "comes down."

Gens. Crook and Kelly, recently captured at Cumberland, Md., have been exchanged.

The Legislature of Kentucky have passed a resolutions asking Gen. Palmer to restore the privilege of a free press to the people of that State.

The draft commenced in Baltimore, yesterday.

The story about a man picking up \$175,000 in the Treasury Department, is positively contradicted. Scarcely any thing in the newspapers can be believed now-a-days.

An order of much importance to the colored population of Kentucky has been published by Gen. Palmer, of that district. It announces the freedom of wives and children of all colored men who have or may enlist in the army or navy.

Henry A. Wise, is announced as a candidate for the Confederate Congress, from the 2d district in Virginia.

The pass system between Baltimore and Annapolis and the Eastern shore of Md., has been abolished.

Notwithstanding the announcement yesterday that there was to be no draft now in N. York, a telegram from that city, published in this morning's papers, says: "drafting commenced and proceeded quietly to-day."

Col. Mulford, late agent for exchanges, has been appointed a Brigadier General.

The Richmond papers mention reports of the killing of Col. Wm. A. Harman, of Augusta, co., Va., at Waynesboro', and of Com. Hollins, who was at the residence of Mr. Jefferson Randolph, and was with that gentleman endeavoring to make his escape.

Gen. Shields, who has been for some months in Sinaloa, was arrested at Mazatlan recently, by the French authorities, as a spy or suspicious personage; but, by the intercession of Mr. Barrow, of Tepic, who visited Mazatlan for the purpose, he was liberated.

Bail, the Boston sculptor, sails for Europe on the 29th inst. He will proceed at once to Florence, where he proposes to remain three years, during which time he will put into marble, a life statue of Edwin Forrest, in the character of Coriolanus.

The U. S. Secretary of the Treasury has not yet decided whether he will anticipate the payment of the May interest on the 5 20 loan on the 1st of April.

On Sunday evening last some desperate villains in human shape, in Baltimore, amused themselves in throwing vitriol on ladies dresses as they were leaving their respective places of worship, and in several cases costly dresses are reported to have been entirely ruined.

No more of the three ct. fractional currency is to be issued, in view of the coin pieces authorized to be substituted by act of Congress. That which will be returned to the Treasury will not be reissued.

The War Department orders that hereafter no claim, presented by any agent, whether banker or attorney, will be entertained by its disbursing officers, unless said agent shall produce a certified copy of his license, as granted by the Collector, or a certificate from the assessor of his district, that he is not considered liable to license duty.

The U. S. Treasury is getting ready funds to pay off the Shenandoah and Western armies. The payment of the Army of the Potomac is nearly completed.

It seems by an article from the Richmond Examiner, that the Farmers' Bank has followed the example of the Bank of Virginia, in paying a proportion of gold upon its circulation.

The entire capital of the banks in the State of Virginia, including Western Virginia, was, according to the bank statement for 1861, sixteen millions of dollars, on the 1st day of January in that year. The circulation was at the same time, nineteen millions, and the amount in specie three millions.

Twenty-nine railroad disasters, accompanied by loss of life or serious injuries to passengers, have occurred since the 10th of October—a little more than four months. These are the fatal "accidents;" but some dozens of others have occurred, involving considerable peril to passengers and great destruction of rolling-stock, although, fortunately attended by no other results.

No damage was done to the printing offices in Charlottesville, when that place was occupied by the Federal troops, although both offices were occupied by them whilst they staid in that town.

The association of "loyal refugees from Virginia" has recently stricken from their constitution the clause which requires all who proposed connection with it to swear that they never, at any time, had voluntarily borne arms against the U. S. Government.

Some of the Northern papers are quoting from the speeches and votes of Vice President Johnson, whilst he was a member of Congress, as far down as 1860, to show that at that time he was a violent Anti Abolition—Pro-Slavery—State Rights man—and supported and upheld the most extreme Southern doctrines on those subjects.

Fernando Wood and family will leave for Europe, in the steamer City of London, on the first proximo. Mr. Wood proposes to make the tour of the Continent, and will be absent about six months.

There was another Masked Ball given in N. Y. on Tuesday night.

Sir F. Bruce is a brother of the late Lord Elgin, the former distinguished Governor General of Canada; and he was himself, for four years, Lieutenant-Governor of Newfoundland.

A writer in Blackwood professes to know all the English women abroad who write travels, and he says "that they all sketch, most of them are short sighted and wear thick boots and spectacles, very little crinoline, with what there is of it rather long. The younger ones are reserved, the older ones gushing."

A BOUNTY BROKER.—The New York Post gives the following description of the case of one of Col. Baker's victims:

The man is a resident of Brooklyn, where his father through strict attention to business for years past, has secured a comfortable income, which the son has shared, though not himself industrious, spending most of his time with the "lancy" of the town. Some months since, however, he stuck a prolific vein by connecting himself with the recruiting business of New York. He obtained a liberal percentage on each man enlisted, and as the number of these recruits increased largely, the broker soon found himself in possession of wealth. Eventually he became a prominent object of the envy of his associates; the public eye was fixed upon him, and honest men shook their heads. He exhibited his wealth frequently, and in many ways; few persons drove a finer team than his, while at the opera and promenade he appeared in expensive dress in company with a female relative, whose diamonds were second to none.

Upon his family connections he lavished his means. Among his gifts were hundred dollar hats, and a pretty skating cap worth seventy-five dollars. Not long since negotiations were opened for the selection of a country seat for his accommodation, but in the meantime an elegant mansion "on the Heights" was purchased for the item of thirty thousand dollars, and a pew of a first class premium was secured in a conspicuous part of one of the most popular Brooklyn churches.

A sudden change, however, has come upon this prosperous individual. For several days his face has been missed in his accustomed places. On Sabbath last the pew in church was vacant, and it is not only whispered but pretty well ascertained that he is in the Old Capitol prison at Washington.

## DIED.

In Leesburg Va., on the 23d of February last, FANNIE, youngest daughter of the late Dr. Wm. L. Powell, of this city, in the 18th year of his age.

**SALE.**—Please take notice that there will be a sale of DRY GOODS AND GENTLEMENS' FURNISHING GOODS, at my store, every evening this week, from 7 p. m. to 10 p. m. H. SCHWARZ, 132 King Street. mh 16—2t

**LOST.**—On Wednesday evening, going from L 25, Prince st. to 6 Water st., a large gold coiled BREAST PIN. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at Mr. Adams' Jewelry Store, King st. mh 16—2t

**LOST.**—Yesterday, a BREAST PIN, with a large Pearl in it. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at the Jewelry store of Mr. Fleming, on King street. mh 16—3t

## SEED OATS.

A few hundred bushels of BRIGHT HEAVY OATS, suitable for SEED; received and for sale by DAVY & HARMON. mh 16—10t

## EMERY'S PATENT NAVAL VARNISH.

Also Bright Varnish, White Lead, Paints and Oils of all kinds. Paraffine and Turpentine Varnishes, received and for sale by HENRY COOK, feb 28—tf 39, King Street.

## COAL!

To arrive from Philadelphia, per schooner J. P. Armitage, RED and WHITE EGG COAL, which will be sold low for cash. mh 13—1w\* JNO LEATHERLAND.

EDGAR SNOWDEN SR'S OFFICE, corner of King and Royal streets, over Mr. Owings's Store, where he will receive subscriptions and advertisements for the ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE. Persons having business with the office, can transact it with him. feb 6—tf

ADVERTISEMENTS for the ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE can be left at the Printing Office, at Stone's Book store, (over which is the office,) or at the office of Edgar Snowden, Sr., corner of King and Royal streets, up stairs. feb 6—tf